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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1902.

As next Thursday will be Christmas Day, THE HERALD will shut up shop and devote the day to enjoyment. The paper, consequently, will come out one day late.

Mr. C. E. Howard has been added to the staff of the Orlando Star and that paper has at once undergone a great improvement. It was an excellent paper at first; now, it is still better.

Just as we expected, the demand for the new judicial circuit is moving north and west. The Gainesville bar wants it to include the counties of Alachua, Levy, Marion and Putnam, whose combined population is about 75,000.

A cartoon recently appearing in the Jacksonville Metropolis favors Hon. Jas. P. Taliaferro's re-election to the United States Senate. Both the Jacksonville papers thus appear hostile to Mr. Spooner's aspirations.

Editor McCreary of the Gainesville Sun is feasting on a 9th sweet potato presented him by Col. Tolbert of Arredondo. He calls Col. Tolbert "captain," but any man who gives an editor a 9th potato ought to be promoted to colonel.

A postal card postmarked Chicago, 1:30 a. m., Dec. 13, was received by THE HERALD at 12 noon, Dec. 15, from which it appears that the Atlantic Coast Line is making wonderfully fast time during this lovely weather.

Governor Jennings for vice-president in 1904 is the text of an article from the Jacksonville Metropolis printed on the first page of this paper. If that is the programme of the national Democracy, it will assuredly please all Floridians, but the governor himself may think that a seat in the United States senate is easier of attainment than the vice-presidency.

ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCHES.

The following ladies and gentlemen became members of the Presbyterian church last Sunday:

Mrs. George Battersby; Misses Pedrick, Anna Pedrick, Ada Pedrick; Blanchard, Whitten, Emily Whitten, Susie Hall; Messrs. Craig, E. Wyatt, J. M. Conolly and Fritz Schwierske—total 12.

On the same day, several were added to the Methodist church, and it is stated that still others will shortly unite with the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

This gratifying increase in church membership is due chiefly to the labors of Rev. H. Kelgwin of Orlando, and may fairly be regarded as a part at least of the results of the evangelical meetings which he conducted here and which closed last week.

The second entertainment of the Alkahest Lyceum Association took place in the auditorium of the school house on Monday night. It was given by W. Powell Hale, an expert impersonator, and was largely attended. For an hour and a-half, Mr. Hale entertained the audience with amusing recitations, readings and impersonations, all of which reflected credit upon his ability and caused his hearers to feel that they were richly repaid for their attendance.

Forty-four people, mostly young ones, members of the Epworth League, had a delightful time at an oyster roast on Thursday night of last week at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Baughman in Solana. Besides the feast, very interesting games were indulged in, and all the guests enjoyed the occasion immensely. The event closed with a beautiful song by the guests, after which the League motto was recited in unison, and the doxology pronounced.

Rev. L. A. Johnson and A. B. Coleman, two public spirited citizens, have succeeded in raising by subscription the sum of \$50, with which they have bought four lots just north of the colored Baptist church, whereon to build a school house. Their laudable efforts should receive generous and substantial encouragement.

Service at the Episcopal church next Sunday. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:45 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. Christmas day at 10 a. m., holy communion, sermon and baptism.

It would not be a difficult matter for some careless boy with a 5c explosive to start a \$50,000 conflagration. Great care, therefore, should be exercised in the use of fireworks. Parents should caution their children about the danger.

CRITICISM FOR SCHOOL BOARD.

It is charged that the county school board makes an unfair discrimination against the Punta Gorda high school and in favor of the Arcadia school. The former, it is alleged, is given only a five-months term, while the latter gets eight months.

Further, it is said that the principal of the Arcadia school is paid \$125.00 a month, while only \$85.00 a month is paid the Punta Gorda principal.

If these allegations are true, and we think they are, then it would seem to be in order for the school board to rise and explain.

The Punta Gorda school, in point of attendance, is the largest in the county, and the teachers are of equal ability with those of Arcadia.

Such being the case, we cannot understand why any discrimination should be made, and we trust that it is only necessary to call attention to this injustice to secure a prompt correction.

We believe that the members of the school board are gentlemen who would not knowingly or intentionally do an injustice in any matter; and we think if their attention is properly and respectfully called to this complaint, they will do all they can to put the Punta Gorda school on an equal footing with that at Arcadia.

A NEGRO'S HORRIBLE SUICIDE.

Maek Bowen, a negro man about 45 years old, committed suicide at 7 o'clock yesterday morning in the dining room of the Ingram hotel for colored people in the eastern part of town. He was one of the partners in conducting the hotel and had charge of the kitchen.

At the hour named, he went into the dining room and, without a word to any one, drew a razor and began cutting his throat with it. The very first cut severed the esophagus, but he continued slashing until he fell and expired almost immediately. His head was nearly severed from his body and his blood made a great pool on the floor. Several horrified darkeys witnessed the deed, which was done so quickly that they did not have time to prevent it.

His health and despondency are assigned as the cause of Bowen's act. He leaves a wife, but no children.

An inquest was held by Justice Francis K. Adams acting as coroner.

Mr. G. S. Petty, tuner and salesman for Ludden & Bates' Southern Music House, is in town for a few days. Orders left with Goldstein will be promptly looked after.

Col. Penner will deliver two discourses in the Presbyterian church Sunday—one in the morning at 11 o'clock and the other in the evening at 7 o'clock on the contrast of the pagan religion and gods of antiquity with the Christian religion and God. Those who wish to attend the night service should, if possible, be present also in the morning so as not to lose the connection between the two discourses.

Jim Stafford and J. E. Whidden, white, charged with stealing a horse from Col. J. H. Hancock of Fort Ogden; and three negroes who were confined on minor charges, escaped from the Arcadia jail on Wednesday night. They dug out through a brick wall. Sheriff Fielder is in diligent search for the fugitives and is likely to re-capture them.

Fifty new lock boxes with bronze doors were added this week to the post office equipment. Increase of business with a corresponding demand for more lock boxes rendered this addition necessary. Postmaster Mizell promptly bought the boxes.

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Satisfactory Progress.

Satisfactory progress is being made in all the operations of the Consolidated Ice Manufacturing, Refrigerating and Fish Co.

The large building on the bay, containing the cold-storage rooms for fish and other apartments, is nearing completion, and the dredge continues to fill in the surrounding tract. The filling-in process is making a wide, deep basin for an anchorage in front of the building.

The machinists have finished their work on the two great ice making machines, and everything is nearly ready for the final test of their capacity. Some delay may be caused by the fact that another and larger air-pump is to be installed as soon as it can be got here.

Everything inside the ice factory is looking as bright as a new silver dollar. All the piping and mammoth iron cylinders have been jacketed in white cloth, which is held on by bright brass bands, and cement floors have been laid under and around the machinery.

The powerful fire-pump is in position and always ready for action on the touching of a valve.

The machine shops are in operation, with an upright engine, a lathe, a drilling machine and other equipments.

A toboggan, so to speak, on lefty stilts is being built from the top of the elevator in the ice factory a distance of a quarter of a mile down to the building on the bay. On this, the elevator will dump blocks of ice, which will scot by gravitation down to the bay to be placed in the cold storage rooms there.

The fourth artesian well was finished Monday afternoon, when a flow of 300 gallons a minute was obtained from a depth of 460 feet. The water is bright and clear, and smells and tastes like that of the other wells. This addition to the supply brings the total flow of the four new wells up to over 1500 gallons per minute, but it is said that two or three more wells will be put down. The contractors, however, have suspended work until after Christmas.

FINE EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Thoroughbred Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, \$1 for 13; White Leghorns, 50c for 13. Toulouse geese, 25 to 40 pounds each, \$5 per trio; eggs 25c each. JOHN H. CATO, P. O. M. & S. S. Co.—5014.

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Report for the week ending Dec. 5, 1902.

First grade department—Enrollment 87, average attendance... 55

Second grade department—Enrollment 45, average attendance... 33.25

Third grade department—Enrollment 42, average attendance... 30.35

Fourth grade department—Enrollment 28, average attendance... 15.35

Fifth and Sixth grade department—Enrollment 30, average attendance... 28.1

High School department—Enrollment 19, average attendance... 16.4

General average attendance... 16.1

Total Enrollment... 249

For the week ending Dec. 12:

First grade department—Enrollment 88, attendance... 45.2

Second grade department—Enrollment 46, attendance... 32

Third grade department—Enrollment 42, attendance... 31.6

Fourth grade department—Enrollment 28, attendance... 16.4

Fifth and Sixth grade department—Enrollment 31, attendance... 28

High school department—Enrollment 19, attendance... 13

M. H. SMITH, Principal.

The Chadwick Bros. Fish Co. are having a large house boat built at the yard near the railroad dock. It is to be used by their fishermen and will accommodate fifteen men.

MENU.

Even the turkey will be dressed up Christmas! Better run over this list: Overcoats? Suits? Hats? Shoes? Gloves? Underwear? Hosiery? Ties? Suspenders? Shirts? Etc., etc.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Honorable Joseph J. Wall, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, at his office in the City of Tampa, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1903, for a charter incorporating what is known as the Tampa Club.

The kind and character of said Club will be of a social nature and not for profit, the character and object of same being more fully set forth in the proposed charter now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida.

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